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FM AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUXEMBOURG 0066

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SUBJ: MTN AND AGRICULTURE

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1. ECON OFFICER CONVEYED POINTS REFTEL TO JEAN SCHLEICH,
MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

2. SCHLEICH SAID IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT LUXEMBOURG
WOULD INTERVENE IN AN EFFORT TO TONE DOWN FRENCH DEMANDS
FOR A RIGID SEPARATION OF AGRICULTURE IN THE EC MANDATE
FOR THE MTN. SCHLEICH, WHO HAS LONG THOUGHT THAT THE
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CAP LED TO RIDICULOUS TRADE POLICIES, SAID HE PERSONALLY FAVORED MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE EC MANDATE AND WOULD CONVEY OUR REPRESENTATIONS DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER THORN. IF THE US OR THE COMMISSION, HOWEVER, DID NOT SUCCEED IN CONVINCING THE FRENCH TO MAKE THE MANDATE MORE FLEXIBLE, HE HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR THE OTHER EC GOVERNMENTS TO DO SO. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, HE OPINED, ARE AFRAID TO TOUCH AGRICULTURE IN ANY WAY FOR FEAR OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS. EVEN THORN, WHO AS BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER MAY HAVE MORE LEEWAY IN THIS REGARD THAN HIS COLLEAGUES, IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE DESIRES OF THE LUXEMBOURG AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS. THESE INTERESTS SUTRONGLY SUPPORT THE CAP, INCLUDING CONTINUOUSLY HIGHER SUPPORT PRICES AND RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES, AND SEE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS THAT LINK AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AS A THREAT TO THE CAP AND TO THEIR LIVELIHOOD.FARKAS

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